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Hello, my name is Sophie Holdorff and I've been a resident of New Orleans for the past five years after graduating from Loyola University. Since my recent graduation in December, many of my peers have left the state to seek better jobs and living conditions. I have always grown up in a household that prioritizes ethics and equity and I urge my elected officials to do the same - what I mean is to prove that there is both equity in the maps redrawn. This means that there should be an additional majority-minority congressional district. I urge you to draw fair and equitable district lines across our state. There is no reason for New Orleans to be packed into the same district as Baton Rouge. To fairly represent the State of Louisiana, there must be additional Majority-Minority congressional districts added. New Orleans is a historically and majority Black city with additional "minority" representation from Vietnamese, Honduran, and Middle Eastern communities. Surrounding parishes are showing similar increases in minority representation, making it high time for the Greater New Orleans area and surrounding parishes to be in their own congressional district, separate from Baton Rouge. Please listen to the people who vote you in and ensure that equity is shown in this process.

Thank you,

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